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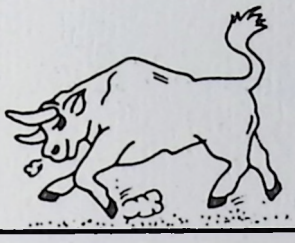

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2:30 p.m.	ROOSTER CROWING EVENT at Elementary School Grounds
3:00 p.m.	COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS PRESENTATION
3:15 p.m.	ROOSTER CROW AWARDS PRESENTATION
4:30 p.m.	SENIOR POWER JAMBOREE "Sonny's" at the Rogue River Center
7:30 p.m.	ROOSTER CROW SQUARE DANCING Public Invited Rogue River High School

For additional information about the
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Contact the Rogue River Lions Club

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU!!!

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A Rooster Crow for 28 Years???

Evidently, for The City of Rogue River has held a Rooster Crow Contest since 1953. It all started back in April of 1953, when a group of merchants calling themselves The Rogue River Booster Club met to consider a proposal submitted by Shade Coombs, a fellow member sharing their desire to generate publicity and promotion for the town. Coombs had read a story about the coal miners of Wales who had presented colorful rooster crowing contests during their holidays.

Shade's suggestion was adopted and funds set aside for a cash prize to the owner of the rooster that crowed the most within a 30 minute duration. On May 23, 1953, the first Rooster Crow was staged on the streets of the city, marking the start of the annual event that now draws thousands of people to this little valley town on the last Saturday in June, every year, for the last 27 years.

First place winner of the crowing event was "Hollerin' Harry". He crowed 71 times and won his owner $50. A second contest was held September 5th that same year with the prize money of $100 going to "Beetle Baum" who managed 109 crows in the thirty minute period. "Beetle Baum" reigned supreme for 25 years, the closest any rooster came to dethroning him was in 1959, when Sandy crowed 96 times within a half hour. But, alas, it was bound to happen some time, the 1978 Rooster Crow Contest and a cocky rooster by the name of "White Lightning" did old "Beetle Baum's" record in with 112 cockle-doodle-doos in the 30 minute contest. His nearest competitor was "Crow Baby" who came in second with 63 crows. No one knows the secrets that encourage a rooster to crow, but "White Lightning's" owner, Willie Beck of Gold Hill said it was simple. "I just kept him away from any other rooster or chicken for 6 weeks before the contest." However, the secret may have been in the person of Dr. Mabel Bryant who stood before his cage flapping her arms & cheering him on to spectacular achievements. According to the good Doctor, "We were communicating with each other!"

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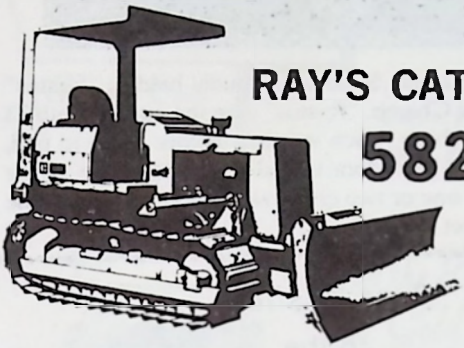

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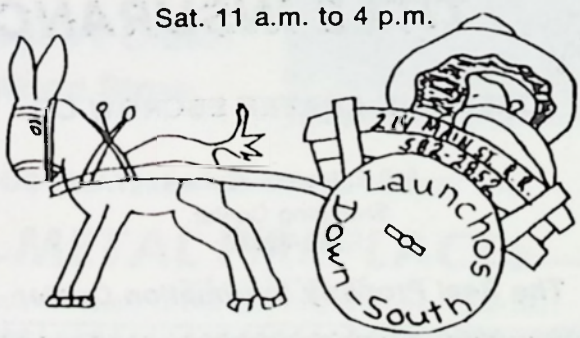

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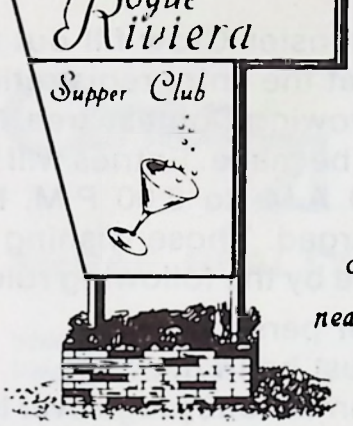

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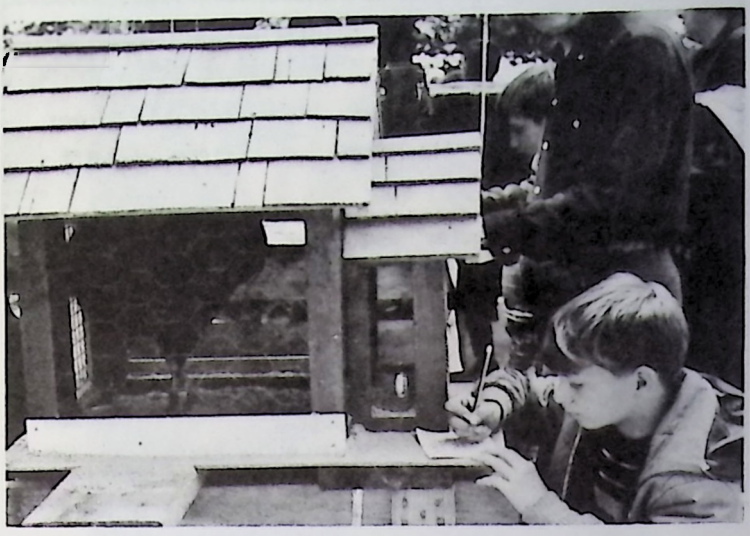

HOW TO ENTER A ROOSTER

On the day of the Rooster Crow fill out an entry form available at the entry registration booth set up at the Crowing Contest area. No prior registration will be made. Entries will be accepted from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. No entry fee will be charged. Those wishing to participate must abide by the following rules:

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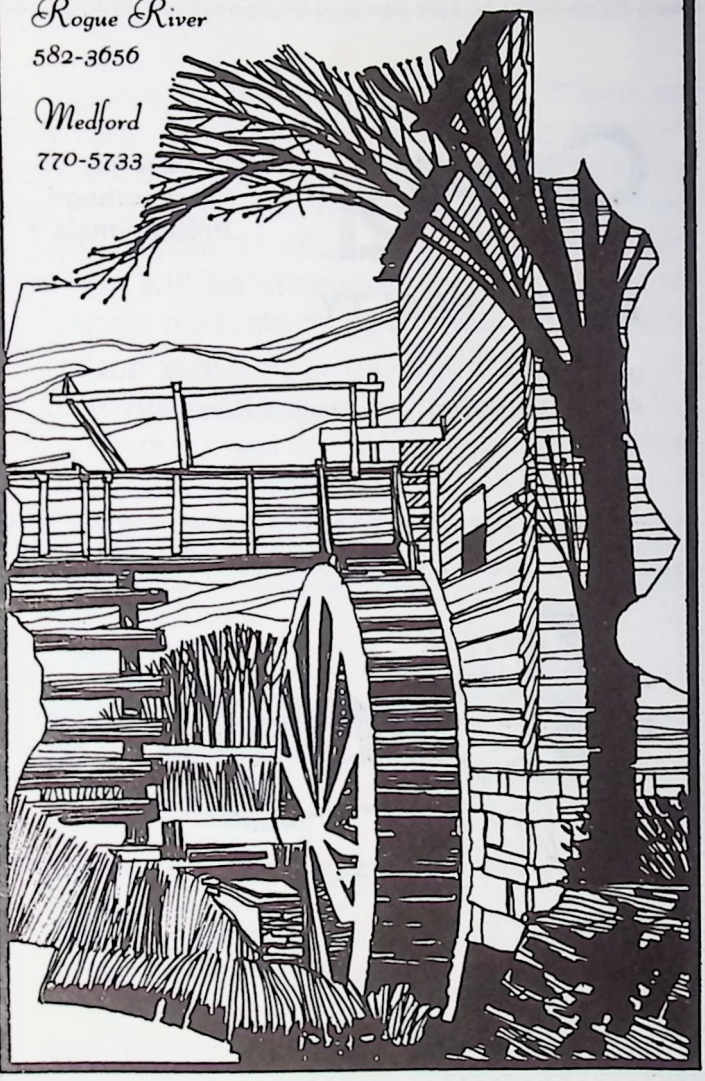

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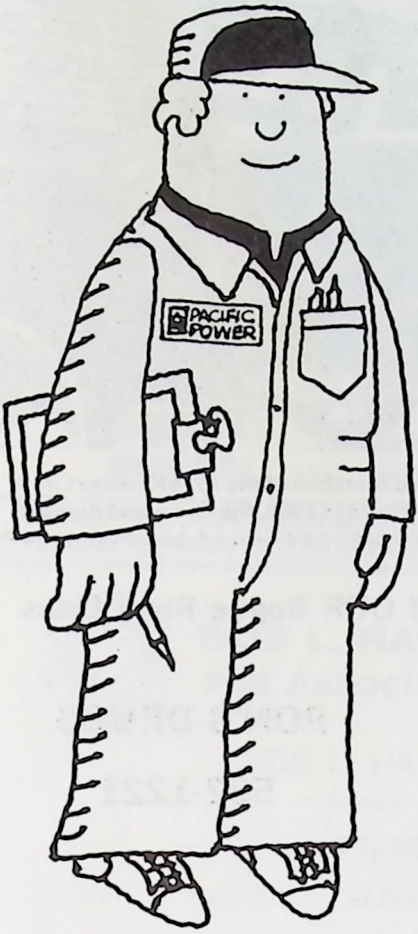

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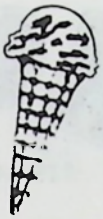

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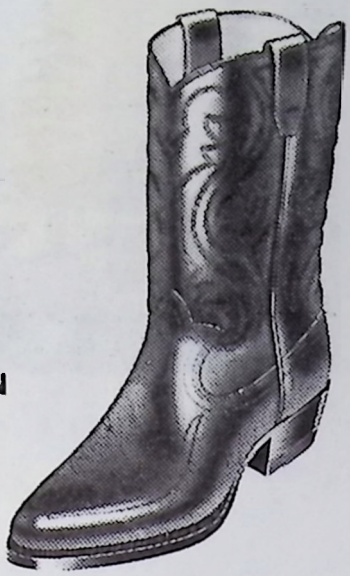

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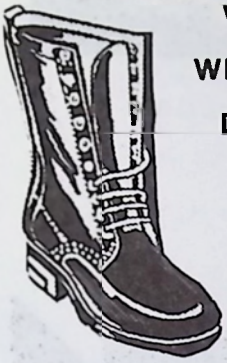

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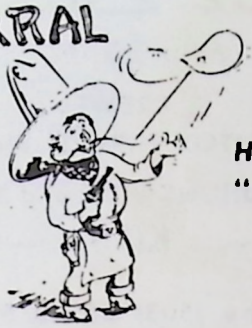

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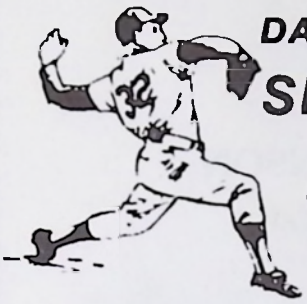

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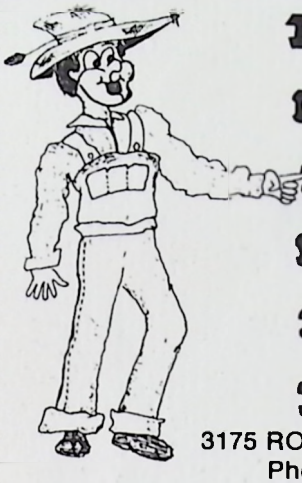

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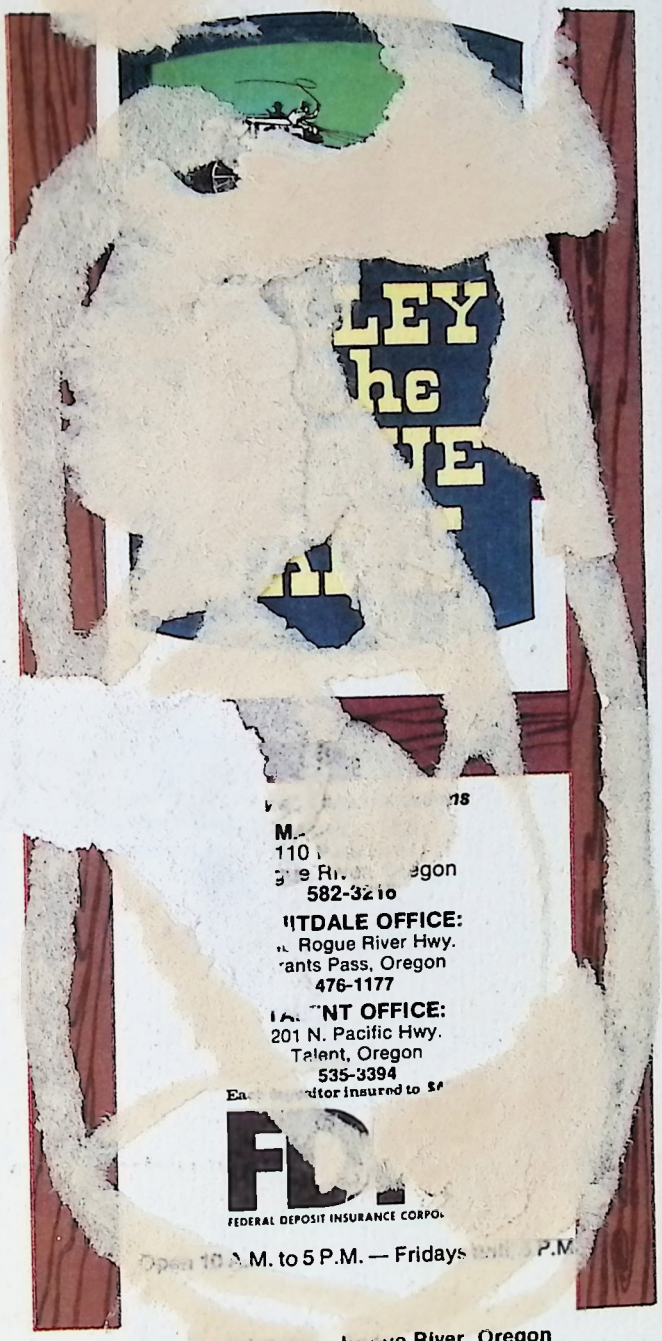

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